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SUBJECT: MIXED MESSAGE - FINLAND VOICES ITS POSITION

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1. (SBU) Econoff delivered reftel demarche on the Convention on Intentional Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to Mr. Esko Jaakkola, Finland,s CITES representative in the Ministry of the Environment. Jaakkola said the EU has closely coordinated its response on the various proposals and that it would likely speak and vote as a block.

2. (SBU) Jaakkola said the EU is not in favor of the U.S. proposal to remove bobcats (Lynx rufus) from the Appendix II of CITES due to ongoing positive identification concerns.

3. (SBU) The EU member states are supportive of the U.S. proposal to include all species of the sawfish family (Pristidae) in Appendix I of CITES, as well as inclusion of pink and red corals (Corallium) provided there is a provision to allow for modest tourist trade.

4. (SBU) As an EU member state, Finland is of course supportive of Germany,s two marineproposals dealing with the spiny dogfish (Squalus acanthias) and porbeagle (Lamna nasus). However, Jaakkola stated the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) does not support the Germany proposals, likely leading to a real challenge in others accepting the proposals.  
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